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### DECEMBER SHIPMENTS OF FLORIDA FISHERY PRODUCTS

Truck shipments of 4,121,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products from areas east of Cedar Keys, spread among 41 classifications, were reported during December, according to summaries released today by the Jacksonville Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 2,871,000 pounds, produced or loaded in Florida, and shipped by truck, for a similar period last year.

Of the December 1941 total, 2,059,000 pounds originated on the West Coast of the State and consisted principally of fresh mullet (1,609,000 pounds). Of the total fresh mullet truck shipments (1,672,000 pounds), the bulk was destined for Georgia (1,209,000), North Carolina (127,000 pounds), Virginia (80,000 pounds), South Carolina (67,000 pounds), and home consumption.

Fresh shrimp, with East Coast shipments of 740,000 pounds (almost all destined for the New York market), ranked second in output.

Of the total truck shipments, 1,664,000 pounds (of which 1,539,000 were salt-water fish and 49,000 shellfish) went to Georgia; 1,215,000 pounds (627,000 of which were shellfish and 553,000 were salt-water) to New York; 251,000 pounds were shipped to Virginia; 238,000 pounds went to North Carolina; and 194,000 pounds to South Carolina.

Other items in the summaries show that 29 carloads of fresh fish were shipped by freight during December from Florida to Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama, Illinois, Missouri, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and 11 carloads of frozen fish (East Coast origin) went to Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, and New York. Two carloads of frozen shrimp, from the East Coast of Florida, were shipped by freight to Missouri and Virginia.

Express shipments (of less than carload lots) included a total of 6,461 packages (barrels, boxes, kegs, cartons, and tubs), spread among 12 classifications of fresh and frozen fish and shellfish. The bulk of this item—3,883 barrels and boxes of fresh fish—was destined for western, central, and eastern States of the country.

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